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Air Guard officer chosen as Camp Guernsey deputy commander

CAMP GUERNSEY, Wyo. – Lt. Col. David Herder, a member of the Wyoming Air National Guard, has been selected to be the deputy garrison commander for the Wyoming National Guard's Camp Guernsey Joint Training Facility.

Herder is the first Wyoming Air National Guard officer to hold a command position at the Guernsey, Wyo., training site.

"I believe he is the first Air National Guardsman in the nation to hold a command position at any traditional Army National Guard training facility," Col. Steve Mount, Camp Guernsey garrison commander, said.

Mount said Herder's presence will add a steady level of Air National Guard input at the most critical levels of command, while helping maintain the overall excellence for which Camp Guernsey is known.

"We always talk about training our Soldiers and Airmen the way they will fight in combat – together," Mount said. "Now, we will set the example in command positions. We will lead our training site together, into the future of combat preparation."

"I'm not here to take Army green and paint it Air Force blue," Herder said. "My job is to ensure all Wyoming Soldiers, Airmen and other customers have the best training facility to prepare them for the dangerous jobs they have. Training saves lives."

Herder began his career as a second lieutenant with the Wyoming Air National Guard in 1986 as a navigator. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel in 2004. His combat service includes Operation Desert Storm, Operation Desert Shield and Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. Herder has a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Wyoming.